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SUBJECT: ECLA MEETINGS

REFS: A. SANTIAGO 00475  
B. SANTIAGO 11418

1. IGLESIAS CANCELLED PLANS TO VISIT WASHINGTON THIS  
WEEK IN VIEW ABSENCE OF COOPER AND TODMAN. HE EXPECTS TO  
RETURN TO WASHINGTON AT A TIME CLOSER TO THE BIENNIAL  
PLENARY, PERHAPS IN MARCH, WHEN HE WILL BE IN A BETTER  
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POSITION TO DISCUSS PLANS FOR THAT MEETING.

2. AT OUR REQUEST, ECLA WASHINGTON REPRESENTATIVE POLLOCK  
ASKED IGLESIAS ABOUT PLANS FOR ECLA REGIONAL SCIENCE AND  
TECHNOLOGY MEETING IN PREPARATION FOR UN 1979 CONFERENCE.  
CONTRARY TO REF. B, IGLESIAS REPLIED THAT ECLA WOULD  
INDEED SPONSOR REGIONAL MEETING, PROBABLY AT THE END

OF 1977 OR EARLY IN 1978. WE TOLD POLLOCK THAT WE THINK IT IMPORTANT THAT ECLA AND THE OAS COORDINATE THEIR ACTIVITIES CONCERNING TECHNOLOGY COOPERATION AT LEAST TO EXTENT OF KNOWING WHAT EACH OTHER IS DOING. (FOR THAT REASON WE HAD HOPED ECLA WOULD BE INVITED AS AN OBSERVER TO THE MEETINGS OF THE OAS TECHNOLOGY EXPERTS

WORKING GROUP THAT BEGIN MARCH 7. HOWEVER, OTHER MEMBERS OF OAS DID NOT SUPPORT SECRETARIAT AND U.S. SUGGESTIONS TO THAT EFFECT.)

3. AS REPORTED REF. A, POLLOCK TOLD US THAT CEGAN, THE COMMITTEE OF HIGH LEVEL GOVERNMENT EXPERTS FROM ECLA DEVELOPING MEMBERS, WILL MEET MARCH 9-15, PROBABLY IN SANTO DOMINGO. CEGAN WILL PREPARE A DOCUMENT GIVING LATIN AMERICAN VIEWS ON THE PROGRESS AND PROBLEMS OF DEVELOPMENT FOR PRESENTATION TO THE APRIL-MAY PLENARY. ECLA HOPES THAT TIMING WILL PERMIT CEGAN REPORT TO BE RECEIVED IN WASHINGTON FOR SERIOUS CONSIDERATION BEFORE THE ECLA PLENARY, THUS AVOIDING THE LAST-MINUTE APPROACH THAT HAS BEEN THE SUBJECT OF U.S. COMPLAINTS IN THE PAST.

4. POLLOCK ACKNOWLEDGED THAT CEGAN MEETING STILL RAISED QUESTION OF EXCLUSIVITY, SINCE U.S. AND CANADA AND THE EUROPEAN MEMBERS ARE NOT INVITED. WE REPLIED THAT WE THOUGHT U.S. ATTITUDE WOULD DEPEND ON WHAT WE COULD EXPECT TO BE THE PRODUCT OF THE CEGAN MEETING. IF WE CAN EXPECT THE PRODUCT TO BE A REASONED STATEMENT WITH SOME SENSIBLE SUGGESTIONS OF ACTION TO BE TAKEN, DOCUMENT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COULD BE USEFUL. POLLOCK SAID THAT WAS CERTAINLY IGLESIAS' INTENTION.

5. POLLOCK MENTIONED THAT CARIBBEAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE OF ECLA, WHICH ALSO DOES NOT INCLUDE U.S. MEMBERSHIP, WOULD MEET IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE CEGAN MEETING, MARCH 15-22, APPARENTLY ALSO IN SANTO DOMINGO.

6. POLLOCK HAS TOLD US THAT IGLESIAS IS PUTTING PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON THIS BIENNIUM IN HOPES THAT IT WILL SHOW THAT ECLA ALONG WITH OTHER UN REGIONAL COMMISSIONS HAS AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE NORTH/SOUTH DIALOGUE. HE ALSO CONSIDERS THE ECLA MEETING AS THE FIRST LATIN AMERICAN DEVELOPMENTAL CONFERENCE FACING THE NEW U.S. ADMINISTRATION. HE ACKNOWLEDGES THAT ECLA IS PRIMARILY AN IDEAS AND INFORMATION ORGANIZATION IN CONTRAST TO THE IDB AND THE OAS AMONG REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS.

7. WE TOLD POLLOCK THAT WE AGREE THAT ECLA MEETING  
COULD BE OF CONSIDERABLE SIGNIFICANCE. IDEAS BROACHED  
AND DISCUSSED AT GUATEMALA MEETING COULD BE USEFUL TO  
GOVERNMENTS PREPARING FOR OAS SPECIAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
ON COOPERATION FOR DEVELOPMENT. USEFULNESS DEPENDS  
IN PART ON THE PLANNING AND ON THE APPROACH TO IT OF  
THE OTHER ECLA MEMBERS. FOR THAT REASON, WE ASKED  
THAT ECLA CONTINUE TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON ITS

THINKING (AS IN REF. A) THROUGH THE EMBASSY IN SANTIAGO  
AS WELL AS THROUGH THE ECLA WASHINGTON OFFICE.

8. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE  
CONTINUING REPORTING ALONG THE LINES OF REF. A.  
SUGGEST YOU ALSO CONFIRM INFORMATION ON ECLA REGIONAL  
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE AS WELL AS ON LOCATION  
AND DATES OF CEGAN MEETING.  
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